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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Harold R. Blomquist  
Serial No. : 09/754,805  
Filing Date : January 4, 2001  
For : NITROCELLULOSE GAS  
GENERATING MATERIAL FOR A  
VEHICLE OCCUPANT PROTECTION  
APPARATUS  
Group Art Unit : 3641  
Examiner : Edward A. Miller  
Attorney Docket No. : TRW(VSSIM)4910

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 10, 2002,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) An apparatus comprising;  
a vehicle occupant protection device; and  
a gas generating material, which upon combustion  
produces a gas product that actuates said vehicle occupant  
protection device; said gas generating material comprising a  
single-base composition that includes greater than 2%, by

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